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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2005, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. Applicants assert that the claim amendments presented herein do not present new issues, new language, or present a further search, and therefore, entry and consideration are respectfully requested.

Claim amendments begin on page 2.

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